DODGE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING 127 EAST OAK STREET JUNEAU, WI 53039 JUNE 24, 2013

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee met on June 24, 2013 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 1A of the Dodge County Administration Building.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Nelson at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Ed Nelson, Dale Macheel, Gerald Adelmeyer, Howard Kriewald, MaryAnn Miller, William Muche, and Bob Roell.

Also Present: Marc Bethke, Land Conservation Department (LCD) County Conservationist; Jim Mielke, County Administrator; Nathan Fikkert, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS); Dan Heim, Wisconsin DNR (DNR); Jim Gronowski and Greg Farnham, Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Commissioners (LSID).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING: Motion by Miller to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2013 meeting; seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS: Greg Farnham (LSID commissioner) addressed the committee regarding concerns about his perception that Dodge County's current Land & Water Resource Management Plan does not contain a compliance section as required under Wisconsin Administrative Rule ATCP 50. Greg also expressed concerns over environmental impacts of an agricultural ditch cleanout project on land owned by the Nehls Brothers Farms in the Town of Oak Grove.

AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS: Nathan Fikkert reported on significant work activities and issues of the Juneau USDA-NRCS Field Office.

REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUES: The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF CONSERVATION PLANS: Motion by Kriewald to approve and sign conservation plans as presented by Nathan Fikkert and Marc Bethke; seconded by Macheel. Motion carried.

ROCK RIVER TMDL IMPLEMENATION PRESENTATION: Dan Heim (Wisconsin DNR) presented information regarding potential activities that will be necessary to implement the Rock River TMDL. Both point source (municipalities and industries) and non-point source (agriculture) dischargers have discharge limits, and compliance options may include trading nutrient credits between the point and nonpoint dischargers. Many questions remain unanswered, and more information will be needed to determine what role, if any, Dodge County may play in this matter.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM: Three Voluntary Notices of Noncompliance were presented for committee review and action. Motion by Kriewald to authorize the Chair to sign Voluntary Notices of Noncompliance for Donald Bonack, Towns of Theresa; for Betty Ruenger, Town of Trenton;

and for William Rake, Town of Trenton; seconded by Miller. Motion carried. Marc Bethke gave a brief status report on the annual conservation compliance certification activities. Finally, Marc distributed information regarding proposed changes to the Farmland Preservation Program that have been written into the state's biennial budget bill. The major change is that the tax credits that have been provided for many years as the primary financial incentive to participate in the program are being converted to grants. The possible pros and cons of this proposed changed were discussed.

2013 FORESTRY PROGRAMS REPORT: Marc Bethke reported on forestry program activities carried out during the spring of 2013 (see attached report).

SOUTHERN AREA ASSOCIATION - SPRING MEETING REPORT: Marc Bethke and Bill Muche reported on actions taken at the spring meeting of the Southern Area Land & Water Conservation Association Meeting in Mount Horeb on May 29, 2013.

COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT: Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached report).

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: Howard Kriewald reported that the main item of discussion at the most recent meeting of the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District was the issue of un-regulated manure spreading in Dodge County. Bob Roell reported that he was unable to attend the most recent meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District. However, Bob did report on the outcome of a special meeting of representatives from the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District, the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, and the Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association. Those attending this special meeting agreed that Dodge County should create an ordinance to regulate manure spreading in Dodge County, and are requesting that Dodge County take action to create such an ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE: Copies of the approved minutes of the April 24, 2013 Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Meeting were distributed to Land Conservation Committee members.

PER DIEMS: Motion by Miller, seconded by Kriewald to approve the regular per diems, in addition to the following:

- Howard Kriewald Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Meeting on June 11, 2013 per diem and 20 miles
- Bill Muche Southern Area Association Spring Meeting on May 29, 2013 per diem. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, July 29, 2013 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 1A of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Miller to adjourn at 10:30 AM; seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried.

Ed Nelson Chair

Gerald Adelmeyer Secretary

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

(BILLS)

Office Max – Cable Ties for Small Packet Tree Sales =	\$ 82.88
Marc Bethke – Expenses for May, 2013 =	\$ 86.94
United Cooperative – Fuel for Tree Pick-up Rental Truck =	\$ 69.13
TOTAL =	\$ 238.95

(REVENUE)

Two Sales of leftover Small Packet Trees =	\$	113.75
DATCP - Land & Water Cost Share Reimbursement =	\$	420.00
One Landowner – Tree Planter Rental =	\$	20.00
Farmland Preservation Program – 47 Service Fee Payments	~	1,175.00
One Landowner – Manure Storage Ordinance Permit Fee =	\$	750.00
TOTAL =	\$	2,478.75

SPRING 2013 SMALL PACKET TREE SALES PROGRAM FINAL REPORT

- Sold 23,000 trees and shrubs to 282 customers
- Gross revenue from trees and shrub sales = \$20,805

•	Program	Outlays	Included:
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1. Cost to Purchase Trees	=	\$14,136	
2. Cost for U-Haul Rental Truck and Fuel	==	\$ 235	
3. Cost for bags to Package Trees	=	\$ 75	
4. Postage	=	\$ 317	
Total Program Costs (not including staff time)	=	\$14,763	

Net Gain for the 2013 Sales Program (Gross Revenues minus Total Program Costs) = \$20,805 Total Revenue (minus) \$14,763 Total Costs = Net Gain of \$6,042 for 2013

JUNE 2013 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:

- Attended Southern Area Land & Water Conservation Association Spring Meeting in Mount Horeb on May 29, 2013
- Have been busy processing Annual Certification Reports for the Farmland Preservation Program, answering questions, and responding to requests for information with phone calls and/or written correspondence
- Attended a meeting of the Rock River TMDL Agricultural Implementation Team in Jefferson on June 12, 2013 with Robert Bird
- Ordered 2014 Small Packet Trees
- Completed the 2013 Soil Erosion Transect Survey with Jon Duckert
- Spent several days checking residue management practices on farms in northeastern Dodge County